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Today's Topics:

                    CW (3 msgs)  
    Have a say about ARRL policy (2 msgs)  
        Help on 2 Meter Freqs.  
            Modes and Testing  
        Morse Whiners (2 msgs)  
        New Canadian prefixes?  
            On the lite side...  
        What? No comments??

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 1 Mar 1994 15:50:23 -0600  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!menudo.uh.edu!uuneo.NeoSoft.com!sugar.NeoSoft.COM!  
not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: CW  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <DHiiic3w165w@mystis.wariat.org>,  
Dan Pickersgill <dan@mystis.wariat.org> wrote:  
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>> >fmdavis@bnr.ca (Fred M. Davis) writes:  
>> >  
>> >> In article <2D726467@msmail.uthscsa.edu>

>> >> MUENZLERK@uthscsa.EDU (Muenzler, Kevin) writes:  
>> >>  
>> >> > I don't know guys, maybe I'm weird. I have always liked CW.  
>> >> > I have my DXCC with CW on 4 bands. I have found that there are  
>> >> > many many times where phone was either difficult or impossible  
>> >> > and CW was not a problem. It is much easier to copy a very  
>> >> > weak and noisy CW signal than a weak and noisy phone signal.  
>> >> > Don't forget, ham radio began in CW. I think that CW is the  
>> >> > very basis of amateur radio and should always be that way.  
>> >>  
>> >> Absolutely. Try working 40 meters phone at night barefoot, if you  
>> >> can find a quiet spot. Then try it with CW, even in QRM'd areas.  
>> >> There's nothing like a nice CW QSO with the narrow filter on;  
>> >> phone just can't compete.  
>> >>  
>> >> Fred VA3FD  
>> >  
>> >And other modes will beat that. It still does not make testing relevent.  
>>  
>> And relevant is a euphemism for easy.  
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>> --Robert [WA3JJ]  
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dan@network.ucsd.edu  
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This has digressed to the absurd. Talk to yourself for a while Robert...

73,

de N8PKV

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Date: 2 Mar 1994 06:32:16 -0600  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!gatech!swrinde!  
menudo.uh.edu!uuneo.NeoSoft.com!sugar.NeoSoft.COM!not-for-mail@network.ucsd.edu  
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But Dan, I \*have\* debated you on the merit of the issue. Don't you remember?  
In a nutshell, here are our positions:

Dan Pickersgill, N8PKV: Supports either the elimination or reduction of the  
current Morse elements. He claims they are not  
relevant to amateur radio in 1994, and emphasis  
on these should be reduced.

Robert Coyle, WA3JJ: Supports the current licensing structure, including the  
Morse elements. May be willing to accept reduced emphasis  
on the Morse elements IF the written elements are  
substantially beefed up, however after observing the  
simplicity of the current Codeless Technician, he does  
not hold much hope in that. Feels that the vast majority  
of the "No Code" proponents simply want the extended  
privileges, but are too lazy to work for them.

How's that, Dan? Did I leave anything out?

--Robert

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Date: Wed, 02 Mar 94 02:10:55 EST  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!wariat.org!mystis!

dan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Have a say about ARRL policy  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

ehare@arrl.org (Ed Hare (KA1CV)) writes:

> You can contact most ARRL HQ staffers by email. I will post a  
> list in my next post.  
>  
> I also suggest that all hams with an opinion or suggestion about a  
> policy matter make their views known to their Division Director.  
> The Division Directors are listed on page 8 of any recent QST.  
> You can also usually find your Division Director at most major hamfests  
> or ARRL Conventions.

Ours has even been at the last 3 membership meetings of our club (must have been that we have had some GREAT presentations lately). Can't beat that for convenience, Ed.

(Please do not consider this an endorsement of the ARRL.) :)

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Date: Wed, 2 Mar 1994 18:25:28 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!mvpb.saic.com!news.cerf.net!usc!elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!sgiblab!wetware!spunky.RedBrick.COM!psinntp!psinntp!arrl.org!  
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is BANDPLAN.TXT. It covers all the bands from 160 meters through 10 Ghz in detail. To receive this file, send an email message to info@arrl.org with any subject and the following text as the body of your message:

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help
index
send bandplan.txt
quit
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You will receive a short set of instructions and a complete listing of files available on the info-server as well as the requested bandplan. Please use the quit line in your message to prevent errors from message signatures.

PLEASE NOTE!: This is an automated system not capable of handling written requests. Any technical questions should be directed to tis@arrl.org, the League's Technical Information Service. Any questions on the info-server or the content of any of its files should be directed to me at mtracy@arrl.org.

ALSO NOTE!: Do \*NOT\* reply to messages sent from info@arrl.org - the reply address is redirected to keep bounced messages from endlessly looping. Write a new message to info@arrl.org instead (you can, however, include additional requests in a single message by adding more "send filename" lines).

Best Regards, Michael Tracy, KC1SX, ARRL Technical Information Services

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Date: Tue, 1 Mar 1994 17:29:42 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!asuvax!  
pitstop.mcd.mot.com!mcdphx!schbbs!waters.corp.mot.com.corp.mot.com!  
user@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: Modes and Testing  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <762479156snx@skyld.grendel.com>, jangus@skyld.grendel.com  
(Jeffrey D. Angus) wrote:

> WA6FWI, ex-WN6FWI and a member of the QCWA.

Hmm I suppose I should join QCWA, I have been eligible for nearly 10 years  
now :-)

> (Who can still remember hearing assholes on the air before there was any of  
> this codeless stuff. Let's see a show of hands for those of you that have  
> heard W6AOA on the air at one time or another.)

I rather liked the W2 who would call "CQ A1 operators oly - no kids no lids no school bus riders etc." Used to do it for most of the day too, of course if anyone called him they were told they were in one of the "bad" classes. We set him up one day by having someone call him who wasn't any of the things on his list, but he just added a new category :-)

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Phooey on it all - I'm going sailing for a year or two!!!

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Date: Tue, 1 Mar 94 17:44:55 GMT  
From: mnemosyne.cs.du.edu!nyx10!jmaynard@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Morse Whiners  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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Dan Pickersgill <dan@mystis.wariat.org> wrote:  
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If you think I think that way, you are wrong. 100% wrong. I passed my Extra in 1977, before there were published question pools. I also refused to use the Dick Bash method on philosophical grounds.

Back then, too, tests were real tests, men were real men, women were real women, and small furry creatures from Alpha Centauri were real small furry creatures from Alpha Centauri...

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jmaynard@oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu | adequately be explained by stupidity.  
"The difference between baseball and politics is that, in baseball, if you  
get caught stealing, you're out!" -- Ed Shanks

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From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!wariat.org!mystis!  
dan@network.ucsd.edu  
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Jay, what are small furry creatures from Alpha Centauri now?

73,

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From: mnemosyne.cs.du.edu!nyx10!jmaynard@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: New Canadian prefixes?  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!wariat.org!mystis!  
dan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: On the lite side...  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

ez006683@chip.ucdavis.edu (Daniel D. Todd) writes:

> : And we have every bit as nice a climate as Jeff does :-)  
> Miles and miles of beach but no ocean, which really sucks for all us SCUBA  
> divers.

Ah, but they have several rivers/lakes. Just a short (in AZ terms) drive away.

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Date: Wed, 02 Mar 94 02:03:57 EST  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!wariat.org!mystis!  
dan@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: What? No comments??  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

popovich@prince.cs.columbia.edu (Steve Popovich) writes:

> IMHO, the people who are natural experimenters will experiment,  
> whether they are "encouraged" to do so or not -- it's in their blood.  
> Also, the people who are not natural experimenters will not  
> experiment, whether we :-) are "encouraged" to do so or not -- we're  
> lazy. "Advancing the state of the radio art" is only one of the five  
> principles of the Amateur Radio Service, not a sine qua non.

Yes, and more and more I see that a lot of guys that got their license about 3 years ago are either not around or joining the experimenters.

> "Move to higher frequencies" works at VHF and UHF frequencies, because  
> at those frequencies basically all the bands have line-of-sight  
> propagation characteristics. It's just more difficult, and more  
> expensive, to work at microwave frequencies and above. At VHF and  
> above, the serious experimenters go to the higher frequencies, where  
> they are not bothered by the common crowd, while those who just want  
> to chat on the local repeater or log into the local packet BBS hang  
> out on the lower frequencies, like 2m and 440. (220 has been largely  
> passed over, probably because of the feeling of impending doom a few  
> years ago when we lost part of the band to UPS, which didn't even use  
> the thing in the end. Sigh.)

And opening the UHF and beyond is a good idea in amateur radio.

> At HF, though, there are no other frequencies available to move to,  
> that have the same desirable propagation characteristics. The whole  
> purpose of HF is long-distance communication between stations not  
> connected by any particular "network" infrastructure. It comes in  
> handy when something like an earthquake or a hurricane has wiped out  
> the infrastructure in an area. :-) Putting more people on HF would  
> just overload the bands even more than they are now. You might have a  
> point with "develop[ing] more technically advanced HF forms of  
> modulation",

When it NEEDS to be done, we never do it. When it \_HAS\_ to be done, we find a way.

> except that IMHO, we really can't get much narrower and  
> keep anything like the forms of communication that we have now. I  
> just don't see it happening. Someone more knowledgeable than I can  
> post the theoretical lower bounds on bandwidths for passing, say,  
> voice and various rates of data (I dimly recall studying such things  
> at one time, but it's not the sort of knowledge that I use every day),  
> but whatever they may be exactly, we're very close to them as it is.  
> With the HF bands being as narrow as they are, there are only so many  
> bits of information that you can pack into their limited bandwidth.

Then maybe we should get WIDER. There are always alternatives.

> Admittedly, the current data modes are rather inefficient because  
> they're based on old modem technology (and museum-piece teleprinter  
> technology, in some cases :-), but you're not going to get an  
> order-of-magnitude compression out of something like an SSB or CW  
> signal. Maybe you'll get a factor of 2 or 3, but that's not worth all  
> that much. Besides, in a hobby where some people are still using full  
> DSB AM, how quickly can you expect everybody to move to your new,  
> lower-bandwidth forms of modulation? There's a lot of old equipment  
> out there, and hams are cheap b\*\*\*ards. :-) Many of them aren't going  
> to buy your wonderful new equipment until it's been on the used market  
> for a number of years. Ain't ham radio wonderful?  
> -Steve, WB3I

Steve, this is a poor comentary of HF operators. Maybe fresh blood is needed if the current users can't use it effectively.

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As I understand from a friend of mine in Toronto (now VA3PI), they  
were running out of VE# callsigns in Canada, so they picked up VA#  
from somewhere. Boy, won't this make QSL'ing interesting? (Especially  
if people change from VE# to VA# calls).

/Matthew N9VWG

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Matthew Cravit, N9VWG	All opinions expressed here are
Michigan State University	my own. I don't speak for MSU
E-Mail: cravitma@cps.msu.ed	and they don't speak for me.
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